

# AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

## NERISSA LEA

Born 1959, Australia

1982            Printmaking and Cinematography Degree from South Australian School of Art, Adelaide

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022            '6 x 6 x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show 2022', Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
2021            'The Days Leave Their Skin Behind', with special guest Reg Lynch, Australian Galleries, Sydney  
2016            'The end of kindness and other dramas', Australian Galleries, Sydney  
2014            'The waiting grounds', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne  
2012            'Where were you when my heart was breaking? Recent Drawings', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne  
2009            'What remains behind', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney  
2007            'Brain Portals', Australian Galleries, Sydney  
2006            'The armadillo's dream', Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
2004            'Fly me to the moon', Australian Galleries, Sydney  
2002            'From the sublime to the ridiculous', Australian Galleries, Sydney  
1999            Pinacotheca, Melbourne  
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1986            Griffith University Gallery, Brisbane

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017            'Group exhibition: Material girl', Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS  
                 'Sculpture: medium and small scale – Mixed Sculptors', Australian Galleries, Sydney  
2016            Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Municipal Council, Sydney  
                 'Salon des Refusés', S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
2015            Manning Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW  
2014            'The F Word', Gallery Central, Perth  
                 'Telling', Adelaide Central School of Art Gallery, Adelaide  
                 'Tasart', Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS  
                 'one of each', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne  
2013            'Hula Dreams', Gallery East, Sydney  
                 'Artwank', Box Gallery, Sydney  
                 'Australian Galleries exhibition', Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW  
2012            'ANL Maritime Art Award', Docklands, Melbourne  
                 'Devonport Art Award', Devonport Art Gallery, Devonport, TAS  
                 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney

2011	<p>'I Love my City Art Collection', Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD</p> <p>'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing', Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>'Large exhibition of small works', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne</p>
2010	<p>'Summer Exhibition', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney</p> <p>Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>'Narrative Realism: A world observed', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney</p> <p>'Xstrata Percival Award', Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD</p> <p>'Directors Cut Blake Prize', online exhibition</p> <p>'Stan and Maureen Gold Coast Art Prize', Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast,</p>
2008	<p>'Hula Dreams', Gallery East, Sydney</p> <p>'Group Exhibition', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney</p> <p>'Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Glenmore Road, Sydney</p> <p>'Michelle Hiscock and Nerissa Lea', Adelaide Central Gallery, Adelaide</p> <p>National Self Portrait Prize, Queensland University, Brisbane</p> <p>The Coloured Digger 2, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>Step Right Up, Albury Regional Gallery, Victoria (touring)</p> <p>United Nations of Cupco, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney</p>
2007	<p>'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney</p> <p>Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>'Small Pleasures', Australian Galleries Painting &amp; Sculpture, Melbourne</p> <p>'National Artist's Self Portrait Prize', The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane</p> <p>The Coloured Digger, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>Gosford Art Prize, Gosford, NSW</p>
2006	<p>'Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Melbourne</p> <p>'Summery', Australian Galleries Painting &amp; Sculpture, Sydney</p> <p>'50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition', 5<sup>th</sup> June, Australian Galleries, Melbourne</p> <p>Jacques Cadry Memorial Art Prize Exhibition, Byron Kennedy Hall, Fox Studios, Sydney</p>
2005 Sydney	<p>'End of Year Group Exhibition', Australian Galleries Painting and Sculpture,</p>
2004	<p>'ABN AMRO 2005 Emerging Artist Award', ABN AMRO Tower, Sydney</p> <p>'Small important works', Australian Galleries, Sydney</p> <p>Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>The Alice Prize, Alice Springs Art Gallery, Alice Springs, NT</p> <p>'In the presence of all creatures great and small', Australian Galleries works on paper, Sydney</p>
2003	<p>Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney</p>
2002	<p>Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney</p> <p>Touring Exhibition, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane</p> <p>'Crickart Exhibitions', Bat and Ball Hotel, Sydney</p> <p>'Alcart Exhibitions', Bat and Ball Hotel, Sydney</p> <p>'Guitar Shaped World Exhibitions', Tamworth City Gallery, Tamworth, NSW</p>
2001	<p>'Australian Painting and Sculpture', Australian Galleries, Sydney</p>
2000	<p>Melbourne Art Fair 2000, Melbourne</p> <p>Willoughby Art Prize, Willoughby Art Gallery, Sydney</p>
1999	<p>'Architectonic', Cullity Art Gallery, Perth</p>
1998	<p>Blake Prize for Religious Art, New South Wales State Library, Sydney</p>
1997	<p>'Still Life', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney</p>
1996	<p>'Naked', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney</p>
1995	<p>'Recent Paintings', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney</p>
1994	<p>'Rapture', Dubbo Art Gallery, Dubbo, NSW</p>

1989	Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
1988	The Mitchelton Print Exhibition, Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton, VIC Savage Club Invitation Drawing Prize, R.M.I.T Gallery, Melbourne
1987	The Andrew and Lillian Pederson Prize, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
1986	'The Repeated Image', Griffith University Gallery, Brisbane
1985	Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Gallery, Fremantle, WA
1984	Henry Worland Print Award, Warrnambool Gallery, Warrnambool, VIC

## AWARDS

2023	Burnie City Council Open Award (Winner), TASART Prize 2023, Burnie, TAS Maritime Art Prize (Finalist), The Mission to Seafarers, Docklands, VIC The Lester Prize (Finalist), The Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
2017	BP Portrait Award (Semi-finalist), National Portrait Gallery, London Bell Bay Aluminium Overall Excellence Prize (Winner), Tasmanian Regional Arts, Launceston
2016	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, (Finalist), Woollahra Municipal Council, Sydney Lethbridge 10,000 Small Scale Art Award, (Finalist), Lethbridge Gallery, Sydney
2015	Manning Art Prize (2D Award for Excellence), Manning Regional Art Gallery, Tarree, NSW
2010	Portia Geach Portrait Prize (Highly Commended), S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2004	Portia Geach Portrait Prize (Winner), S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2000	Willoughby Art Prize (Highly Commended), Sydney
1989	Power Studio Residency, Cite des Arts Complex, Paris
1985	Artist in Resident, Griffith University, Brisbane
1983	Best Animation, Young Filmmakers Awards, Adelaide

## COLLECTIONS

Albury City Gallery, Albury, VIC  
Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD  
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane  
Private collections in Australia and overseas